

Board of Assessors – May 2, 2006

Present: Borders, Falco, Marconi, O'Regan, Varley, Wheeler

Absent: Bovard

Through the efforts of Denis O'Regan the board was able to look at a previous year's spreadsheet on the computer and make various changes to: the B rate, the size allotted for the second domicile, C rate.

These calculations allowed the assessors to judge what effect proposed changes would have on a cross-section of leaseholds. We looked at several average-sized lots, small lots, large lots, large lots with extra domiciles, small lots with extra domiciles. No scenario created a change over 10%, and the change to the average leasehold was not particularly significant for any scenario.

No motion on domiciles was presented, because several felt they wanted to spend more time checking to see what these changes, or others, would mean to leaseholders. A straw vote was taken to see the sense of the meeting. Five of the six assessors believed it would be reasonable to return to what was the standard for many years i.e. A rate based on 6500 sq. ft., a B rate for extra domiciles of 80% of the A rate and another 6500 sq. ft. and a C rate of 40% of the A rate. The sixth member believes it would be fairer to allot 2,000 sq. ft. for each subsequent domicile.

The next meeting is a public hearing on May 16, for which the chair will be absent. He urged members to make a decision on the domicile rate after the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Varley, Secretary